

House Resolution 1427

By: Representatives Lucas of the 139th, Graves of the 137th, Randall of the 138th, Ray of the 136th, Freeman of the 140th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb County, recognizing the 2006
2 Cherry Blossom Festival, and inviting the mayor of the City of Macon, the chairperson of the
3 Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, the chairperson of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful
4 Commission, and representatives from the International Cherry Blossom Festival to appear
5 before this body; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, public officials and citizens from Macon, Georgia, and Bibb County annually
7 come to the General Assembly to meet with the area's legislative delegation. A healthy
8 democracy demands an active interchange of ideas between citizens and their elected
9 representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, the views of elected officials from the counties and cities of the state are always
11 deeply interesting to members of the General Assembly, and the citizens and public officials
12 from Macon and Bibb County frequently offer invaluable advice and counsel to their
13 legislative delegation on the annual legislative visit; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislative delegation then looks forward to returning home to see the annual
15 blooming of more than 275,000 Yoshino cherry trees in the City of Macon, an extravagant
16 display of springtime color and blooms in the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World; and

17 WHEREAS, the International Cherry Blossom Festival, which will be held from March 17
18 through March 26 this year, is sponsored each year by the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful
19 Commission as a special celebration of the spring season which attracts over 700,000
20 participants each year, and over 500 events are planned, most of which are free to the public;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, representatives of the city and county and the festival sponsors will again this
23 year be distributing Yoshino cherry trees to members of the General Assembly and others in

1 promotion of the festival, and this gesture is greatly appreciated as it contributes significantly
2 to the beautification of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body recognize this excellent tradition and express its
4 appreciation of the many contributions made to the State of Georgia by the annual
5 International Cherry Blossom Festival.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body welcome the citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb
8 County and recognize and appreciate the 2006 International Cherry Blossom Festival.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor of the City of Macon, the chairperson of the
10 Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, the chairperson of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful
11 Commission, and representatives from the International Cherry Blossom Festival are invited
12 to appear before this body at a time and date designated by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.